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registry except as authorized by law or upon order of a court for good cause shown. And then finally it says the department shall advertise information about the registry at least quarterly in a legal newspaper of general circulation in each county of the state. The department may charge reasonable fees with respect to the registry in order to defray the costs of that advertisement. The issue with regard to the amendment that is before us that I offer is clearly just a choice in a way in which we go at this point with regard to the issues that are raised in LB 712. The amendment that is offered is a, I believe, a workable solution to some of the problems that are raised. In discussing LB 712 there is, and I notice the handout that Senator Matzke passed around with the article that just appeared this past week in the Omaha World-Herald with regard to a custody battle that is currently...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...under way in Nebraska as it relates to biological parents and adoptive parents. There is really no way that even under this proposal or 712 as it currently sits before us that that kind of a situation could be solved because just as in the Baby Jessica case the court document showed that the mother lied to the adoption agency so that the father would not find that she was putting the child up for adoption. I mean that could happen no matter what we do and Senator Matzke was very straightforward in that when we debated this issue on General File and he's been very honest and has worked very diligently with individuals who had concerns about this issue on General File. But I need to bring this issue to a vote and I want to see which direction...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...the body would like to go.

SPEAKER WITHEM: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LB 508, LB 668, LB 175, LB 179, LB 274, LB 461, LB 112 and LB 154. Senator Matzke, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MATZKE: A point of order, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: State your point.